

Notice of Allowability

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09/680,517

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 2/22/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-6, 9, 11-14, 18-20, 23-36, 40-43, 46, now renumbered 1-30.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 September 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 3/17/2005.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee.

In a Telephone call on 29 March 2005, authorization for this Amendment was given by Mr. David A. Blumenthal (Reg. No. 26,257).

Claims 34 and 46 have been amended as follows:

Replace claim 34 with the following:

Claim 34, A load balancing system according to claim 23, wherein the execution computer selector selects a computer to which the execution computer selector belongs when the load index of the computer is smaller than a value obtained by multiplying a minimum load index among the plurality of computers by a predetermined factor greater than 1.

In Claim 46, line 1, delete "recording medium storing" and replace it with "computer readable recording medium for storing computer executable software comprising".

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